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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 436,500 IN OCTOBER

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 3,100 in October to a new record high level, with gains occurring in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 436,500 in October. This represents a gain of 3,100 from the September level of 433,400, and is 4,400 more than the October 1985 figure of 432,100.

MANUFACTURING

Overall manufacturing employment increased by 1,200 in the September-October period. Further, the current manufacturing total of 121,900 is 300 greater than the year earlier figure of 121,600. In the Durable Goods category, the October employment level of 83,700 was up 900 from last month and was 700 above the total recorded one year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector increased by 300 from September to the current level of 38,200, but was down 400 compared to October 1985.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly job gain was recorded in Jewelry-Silverware (+500). Additional monthly upturns were posted in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+200), and Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery (+100 each). Payrolls in Lumber/Furniture declined by 100 for the month, while employment in the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change. On an annual comparison, the most

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1987 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

In accordance with State law, the 1987 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined. John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1987 tax year, which begins January 1, will be $11,400. The wage base for T.D.I. contributions will also be $11,400.

The 1987 taxable wage bases for the E.S. and T.D.I. programs are equal to 70 percent of the 1985 average annual wage earned by workers covered by the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance acts respectively, rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1985 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $16,214; the average annual wage for workers covered by T.D.I. was $16,137.

Employers will be notified of their individual unemployment insurance tax rates prior to next April 1.

The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will be reduced to 1.0 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base, effective January 1, 1987.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Total Placements	1,196	2,495	1,727
New Applications	2,781	4,225	3,571
New Openings Rec'd.	2,468	3,602	2,980

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	% Change Sept.1986
Initial Claims	5,692	5,155	+ 10.4
No. of Payments	34,511	37,771	- 8.6
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,355,442	$ 4,592,925	- 5.2
Exhaustions	843	825	+ 2.2

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Initial Claims	4,066	2,890	3,507
No. of Payments	27,036	24,845	25,322
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,926,497	$ 3,551,303	$ 3,261,991

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	512.0	508.9	502.7
Unemployment	17.1	17.0	19.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.3	3.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.0	3.9	4.6

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	328.7	327.4	324.0
Unemployment	10.4	10.9	13.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.2	3.3	4.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	165.7	166.1	165.8
Unemployment	8.0	7.1	8.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.3	4.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1986	Aug. 1986	Sept. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	35,390	35,970	34,205
Unemployment	835	840	1,055
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.4	2.3	3.1

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
AUGUST 18-22, 1986

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	12,276	100.0
Men	5,673	46.2
Under 45	3,945	69.5
45 and over	1,728	30.5
Women	6,603	53.8
Under 45	4,256	64.5
45 and over	2,347	35.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	491	4.0
Manufacturing	5,856	47.7
Public Utilities	855	7.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,946	15.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	346	2.8
Service	2,128	17.3
All Other	654	5.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,582	12.9
Clerical and Sales	2,892	23.6
Service	1,255	10.2
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	91	0.7
Processing	382	3.1
Machine Trades	1,346	11.0
Bench Work	2,128	17.3
Structural Work	1,019	8.3
Miscellaneous	1,528	12.5
INA	53	0.4

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	436.5	433.4	432.1	+ 3100	+ 4400
MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.7	121.6	+ 1200	+ 300
NONMANUFACTURING	314.6	312.7	310.5	+ 1900	+ 4100
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	16.6	16.7	16.1	- 100	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	14.3	14.5	14.0	- 200	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	95.5	96.4	93.8	- 900	+ 1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.8	23.4	-	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	106.5	104.9	105.6	+ 1600	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	56.4**	57.6	+ 1500	+ 300

1986 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1985 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

Compiled by THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY in cooperation with the U.S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Oct. 1986	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Sept. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Oct. 1985
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.7	121.6	+1200	+300	$ 323.60	$308.66	40.5	40.4	$ 7.99	$ 7.64
DURABLE GOODS	83.7	82.8	83.0	+ 900	+700	324.77	310.64	40.8	40.5	7.96	7.67
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.0	3.1	2.8	- 100	+200	379.03	357.93	40.8	41.0	9.29	8.73
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.8	-	- 100	414.00	398.27	41.4	42.1	10.00	9.46
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	5.9	6.0	+ 100	-	387.40	364.97	42.2	41.1	9.18	8.88
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	9.7	9.7	+ 100	+100	297.82	283.44	40.3	40.9	7.39	6.93
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.7*	5.6*	5.7	+ 100	-	432.85	412.46	43.9	43.6	9.86	9.46
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.2	12.1	-	+100	302.40	291.20	40.0	40.0	7.56	7.28
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.8	9.8	9.7	-	+100	423.05	394.13	40.6	39.1	10.42	10.08
INSTRUMENTS	5.6*	5.6*	5.7*	-	- 100	331.33	315.88	42.1	41.4	7.87	7.63
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	23.0	23.6	+ 500	- 100	259.90	257.91	40.8	41.2	6.37	6.26
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	6.4	6.2	5.9	+ 200	+500	252.70	232.49	36.1	34.7	7.00	6.70
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.2	37.9	38.6	+ 300	- 400	322.81	305.47	40.1	40.3	8.06	7.58
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.5	+ 100	-	268.19	249.91	37.3	37.3	7.19	6.70
TEXTILES	10.8	10.8	10.8	-	-	295.89	290.51	40.7	41.8	7.27	6.95
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 100	-	280.06	257.68	41.8	40.2	6.70	6.41
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	2.7	-	+100	300.56	269.33	41.4	40.5	7.26	6.65
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.5	6.5	6.4	-	+100	426.62	406.07	38.4	38.6	11.11	10.52
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	2.8	2.8	3.2	-	- 400	432.23	410.94	40.7	41.3	10.62	9.95
RUBBER PRODUCTS	0.7	0.7	0.7	-	-	329.60	326.82	41.2	41.9	8.00	7.80
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.4	5.2	5.6	+ 200	- 200	322.32	311.95	40.8	40.2	7.90	7.76
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.3	2.4	+ 100	-	215.39	215.57	38.6	39.7	5.58	5.43

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noteworthy job gain occurred in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+500). Also up from their year ago totals were Lumber/Furniture (+200), and Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment (+100 each). Conversely, annual decreases of 100 each were registered in Stone-Clay-Glass, Instruments and Jewelry-Silverware. Employment in Primary Metals and Nonelectrical Machinery was unchanged for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries monthly payroll advances in Plastics Products (+200), Food-Beverage (+100) and Leather Products (+100) overshadowed a downturn of 100 in Apparel. Job levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change for the month. Compared to October 1985, employment increases of 100 each were reported in Paper Products and Printing-Publishing. Annual job reductions were evident in Chemical Products (-400) and Plastics Products (-200). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 1,900 from September to October, mainly the result of education-related seasonal gains in Services and Government, and the settlement of a labor dispute in the latter segment. The October Nonmanufacturing employment level of 314,600 is also 4,100 jobs greater than the year earlier total of 310,500.

Within this sector, payrolls in Services, at 106,500, and Government, at 57,900, posted monthly increases of 1,600 and 1,500, respectively. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 900 and the latter gained 300 jobs. Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected seasonal reductions as it declined by 900 to the current level of 95,500; this figure, however, represents an annual increase of 1,700 jobs. Although Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls decreased by 200 from September, the October total of 14,300 was 300 higher than the year ago level. Also reporting a monthly drop was Contract Construction, which fell by 100 jobs to 16,600. Nevertheless, this represents a gain of 500 from one year earlier. Employment in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,800, remained stable for the month, but was up 400 compared to October 1985.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $7.99 in mid-October; this represents a gain of 35 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in October to 40.5 hours, but this was 0.1 of an hour higher than the October 1985 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in October amounted to $323.60, representing gains of 2 cents from last month and $14.94 from a year ago.

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